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#### **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:00am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

#### **Weekday Masses**

Mon., Thu., Fri. 8:00am

Wed. 6:30pm

First Saturday 8:00am

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Sunday 9:15am - 9:45am

Wednesday 5:15pm - 6:15pm

First Saturday 8:40am (following Mass)

Or by appointment

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Mon., Thu., Fri. 1 hour following Mass

Wed. 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Extended adoration:

First Friday—Saturday 9:00am—8:00am

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### **SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**



*For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. (Jn 3:16-17)*

#### **Sacraments**

##### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Before scheduling an Infant Baptism, both parents are required to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Please contact the office to make arrangements.

##### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Couples are required to contact Fr. Thomas Zahuta at least 9 months before they wish to marry, to arrange for instructions and spiritual preparation for the Sacrament.

##### **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, or Viaticum**

Call the parish number 706-648-2599  
In case of Sacramental Emergency /  
Danger of Death, listen for that option on  
the automated phone attendant or dial ext.  
104.

##### **Communion for the Sick**

Please advise the Parish Office of anyone admitted to the hospital or who is homebound and in need of the Ministry to the Infirm.



## Mass Intentions for the Week September 13 - 21, 2025

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 13, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Fr. McGivney Memorial Mass †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 14, 2025</b> <small>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</small>
10:00 AM	Susan Byers †
12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 15, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Susan Byers †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 17, 2025</b>
6:30 PM	Susan Byers †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 18, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Mary Manning †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 19, 2025</b>
8:00 AM	Dr. Karl Gingerich †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 20, 2025</b>
5:30 PM	Dr. Jerry Williamson †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 21, 2025</b>
10:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM	Marina Guzman

## Mass Readings for the Week of Sept. 14, 2025

**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17  
**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 see Heb 5:7-9  
**Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-3b, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17 see 640: 2 Cor 4:7-15 Jn 17:11b-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35  
**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16 Ps 111:7-10 Lk 7:36-50  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 8:4-15 see 642A: Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 9:23-26



## Prayer List ~ Lista de Oración

Deacon TC Meuninck, Sebrina Somers

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council will be having a **Turkey-Q** and the proceeds will go to the needs of St. Peter the Rock and parishioners. Plates are \$10 with BBQ, Baked Beans, Bread, Pickle & Chips. Ask a Knight for a



ticket. **Plates can be picked up Saturday, September 20th 11AM-1PM at AA Tires, 1772 Highway 19 N in Thomaston or after the 10AM and 12:30PM Masses on Sunday, September 21st. Thanks for your support!**



## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

If you would like a beautiful Christmas Wreath for the season, consider getting one from the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council. Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table for a hand-crafted 25 inch Balsam Fir Wreath for \$35. Other options are available via our online Friends & Family form via QR Code next to the sign-up sheet. **Deadline for orders is November 15th.** See Keith Rohling for any questions.



## From the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)



### The Eucharistic Prayer

364. The numerous Prefaces with which the Roman Missal is endowed have as their purpose to bring out more fully the motives for thanksgiving within the Eucharistic Prayer and to set out more clearly the different facets of the mystery of salvation.

365. The choice between the Eucharistic Prayers found in the Order of Mass is suitably guided by the following norms:

a) Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, which may always be used, is especially suited for use on days to which a proper text for the Communicantes (In communion with those whose memory we venerate) is assigned or in Masses endowed with a proper form of the Hanc igitur (Therefore, Lord, we pray) and also in the celebrations of the Apostles and of the Saints mentioned in the Prayer itself; likewise it is especially suited for use on Sundays, unless for pastoral reasons Eucharistic Prayer III is preferred.

b) Eucharistic Prayer II, on account of its particular features, is more appropriately used on weekdays or in special circumstances. Although it is provided with its own Preface, it may also be used with other Prefaces, especially those that sum up the mystery of salvation, for example, the Common Prefaces. When Mass is celebrated for a particular deceased person, the special formula given may be used at the proper point, namely, before the part Remember also our brothers and sisters.

c) Eucharistic Prayer III may be said with any Preface. Its use should be preferred on Sundays and festive days. If, however, this Eucharistic Prayer is used in Masses for the Dead, the special formula for a deceased person may be used, to be included at the proper place, namely after the words: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world.

d) Eucharistic Prayer IV has an invariable Preface and gives a fuller summary of salvation history. It may be used when a Mass has no Preface of its own and on Sundays in Ordinary Time. On account of its structure, no special formula for a deceased person may be inserted into this prayer.

### De la Instrucción General del Misal Romano (IGMR)

### Plegaria eucarística

364. La mayor parte de los prefacios con que ha sido enriquecido el Misal Romano miran a que los motivos de la acción de gracias brillen en la Plegaria eucarística con mayor plenitud y a que los diversos aspectos del misterio de salvación se vayan exponiendo con más claridad.

365. Es conveniente que la elección de una u otra de las Plegarias eucarísticas, que se encuentran en el Ordinario de la Misa, se rija oportunamente por estas normas:

a) La Plegaria eucarística I, o Canon Romano, que se puede emplear siempre, se dirá más oportunamente en los días que tienen Reunidos en comunión propio o en las Misas que tienen también su propio Acepta, Señor, en tu bondad; también en las fiestas de los Apóstoles y de los santos que se mencionan en la misma Plegaria; de igual modo los domingos, a no ser que por motivos pastorales se prefiera la Plegaria eucarística III.

b) La Plegaria eucarística II, por sus mismas características, se emplea mejor en los días ordinarios de entre semana, o en particulares circunstancias. Aunque tiene su prefacio propio, puede también usarse con prefacios distintos, sobre todo con los que presentan en forma más resumida el misterio de la salvación, por ejemplo, con los prefacios comunes. Cuando la Misa se celebra por un determinado difunto, se puede emplear una fórmula particular, que figura ya en su respectivo lugar, antes del Acuérdate también.

c) La Plegaria eucarística III puede usarse con cualquier prefacio. Su uso se recomienda los domingos y las fiestas. Pero si esta Plegaria se emplea en las Misas por los difuntos, puede utilizarse una fórmula particular para el difunto, que debe introducirse en su respectivo lugar, es decir, después de Reúne en torno a ti, Padre misericordioso, a todos tus hijos dispersos por el mundo.


d) La Plegaria eucarística IV tiene un prefacio fijo y da un sumario más completo de la Historia de la Salvación. Se puede emplear cuando la Misa no tiene prefacio propio, y en los domingos del Tiempo Ordinario. En esta Plegaria, por razón de su propia estructura, no se puede introducir una fórmula especial por un difunto.




**Confirmation** - Any adult who has not made their Confirmation and would like to do so and or any other sacraments after baptism.  
**Marriage** - If you are not married in the Church and would like to do so, please contact Fr. Thomas Zahuta at [Zahuta@archatl.com](mailto:Zahuta@archatl.com) or phone 706-648-2599, ext. 105

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
 September 21 - Saint Vincent De Paul Society

 Join us for the **Fall Family Festival** on **Sunday, October 19th at 2:00 PM**. Bring a dish to share, come play games, and enjoy fellowship with your fellow parishioners.  
*We need volunteers to help with games. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.*

 **ROSARY AND POTLUCK MEAL**  
 Join us next **Sunday at 2:00 PM** to pray the rosary as a church followed by a potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish to share.

<b>Catechism Class</b> Mon. 6 pm	<b>OCIA</b> Wed. 7:15 pm	<b>Bible Study</b> Thu. 6 pm	<b>Clase de estudio bíblico en español</b> Miércoles 7:15 pm
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### CCC - Paragraph 6. Man—IV. Man in Paradise

374 The first man was not only created good, but was also established in friendship with his Creator and in harmony with himself and with the creation around him, in a state that would be surpassed only by the glory of the new creation in Christ. (54)

375 The Church, interpreting the symbolism of biblical language in an authentic way, in the light of the New Testament and Tradition, teaches that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were constituted in an original “state of holiness and justice.”<sup>250</sup> This grace of original holiness was “to share in... divine life.”<sup>251</sup> (1997)”

376 By the radiance of this grace all dimensions of man’s life were confirmed. As long as he remained in the divine intimacy, man would not have to suffer or die.<sup>252</sup> The inner harmony of the human person, the harmony between man and woman,<sup>253</sup> and finally the harmony between the first couple and all creation, comprised the state called “original justice.” (1008, 1502)

377 The “mastery” over the world that God offered man from the beginning was realized above all within man himself: mastery of self. The first man was unimpaired and ordered in his whole being because he was free from the triple concupiscence<sup>254</sup> that subjugates him to the pleasures of the senses, covetousness for earthly goods, and self-assertion, contrary to the dictates of reason. (2514)

378 The sign of man’s familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden.<sup>255</sup> There he lives “to till it and keep it.” Work is not yet a burden,<sup>256</sup> but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation. (2415, 2427)

379 This entire harmony of original justice, foreseen for man in God’s plan, will be lost by the sin of our first parents.

250 Cf. Council of Trent (1546): DS 1511. 251 Cf. LG 2. 252 Cf. Gen 2:17; 3:16, 19. 253 Cf. Gen 2:25. 254 Cf. 1 Jn 2:16. 255 Cf. Gen 2:8. 256 Gen 2:15; cf. 3:17-19.

### CCD SCHEDULE ( 11:15 am—12:15 pm)

**09/14/25 - 6th Class**

**All Classes - Adoration**  
**11:15am-11:30am**



**09/21/25 - 7th Class**

**09/28/25 - 8th Class**



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### INCOME FY 2025-2026

<b>Weekly offertory</b> week ending Aug. 31st	<b>\$4,104</b>
<b>Weekly budget</b>	<b>\$3,835</b>
<b>over/(under)</b>	<b>\$269</b>

### KIDS CORNER

From the **YOUCAT for Kids** A Catholic Catechism for children and parents

#### 67. Who may administer Baptism?

**Normally a —> priest or a deacon baptizes. When someone is in danger of death, anyone may baptize.**

This is the simplest form of Baptism: water is poured over the head of the person to be baptized, and the baptismal formula is said.

#### 68 Why are babies baptized, when they can't make their decisions themselves?

**Baptism is a gift from God. Faithful parents accept this gift because they want the best for their child.**

That is why they have said yes to God and to Baptism in your name.

Today, you can say yes to God yourself.

You can be sure that before you choose God, he has already chosen you.

#### Saint Quote:

*Not to go to Communion is like someone dying of thirst beside a spring.*

St. John Vianney (1786-1859, Curé of Ars)

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